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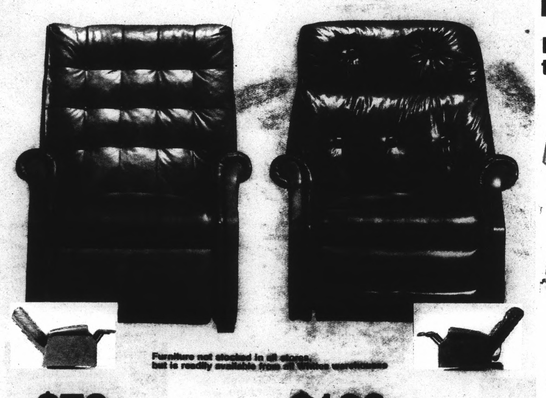

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

A crisp Monday morning early in October heralds another busy week in historic Appomattox. As a septuagenarian of sorts, I salute all the fine people readying up for the annual Railroad Festival. As we say in Dixie, "Yawl Come."

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Also on tap is a visit to his native Southside Virginia by TV entertainer Roy Clark. Meherrin and Farmville will spread the welcome mat. And in Richmond, the National Tobacco Festival is the big event, featuring the crowning of a Queen of Tobaccoland, the famed Ferke String Band and the Festival football game Saturday between VPI&SU and William and Mary. Ah yes, 'tis a busy week.

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Added honors for Mrs. Tilden Lee, of Appomattox. Her exhibits at the recent State Fair in Richmond won eight prizes and/or ribbons. Over the years she has won a total of 685 awards at fairs for her entries.

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Thanks to my friend Robert I. Scott, Jr. for loaning me a stack of copies of Sporting NEWS. Features in depth coverage of baseball, golf, tennis and auto racing.

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Virginia's Big Five football teams are having a rough year. In nineteen games thus far, the Big Five record is five wins and 14 losses. This week ACHS goes against league rival Brookville.

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And while we are mentioning events in busy October, if all goes as planned, October 23 is National Mother-in-Law Day. That date also starts National Cleaner Air Week, and the swallows returning to Capistrane. Never a dull moment.

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Hard to get everyone to agree on anything, but here is a try. There has been a record number of grasshoppers this year.

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This week I have been reading "The Bounty of The Chesapeake" by James Wharton. Goes into detail about the dependance of the early settlers on fish and products of the sea, and the mostly friendly relations with the native Indians. George Washington is cited as having burned oyster shells to obtain lime for his plantation. In the anonymous "A Perfect Description of Virginia", published in 1649, the population was given as 15,300, plus the Indians. The death rate was tremendous. Trade was by barter, mostly with tobacco. Salt was an important commodity. One settler set up a big project to boil sea water to get the salt therein but had to give up for lack of pans. Goats were of major importance. Helped clear the land. One prominent setter was Joseph Ham. He turned 51 goats into the thickets to clean up. He died in 1638 and his will is interesting. He left a feather bed, two blankets, a rug, a bolster, a warming pan, a parcel of pewter, three iron pots, two brass kettles, a brass basin, a copper kettle, three pairs of sheets, one dozen napkins, a table cloth, a looking glass, a chest, ten barrels of corn, three shoats, and his land. But his goats were first in his thoughts and his will designated 30 of his goats for his step-children and 21 for his wife. Surely, early Virginians were a great gorup, and we have a grand Heritage. In another column I might browse through another one of my library books, "Domestic Life in Virginia in The Seventeenth Century" by Annie Lash Jester."

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Thanks for reading and seeya at the Railroad Festival program of events.

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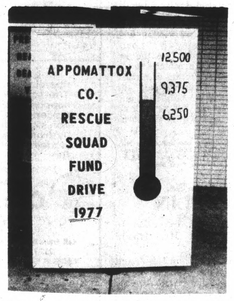

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD FUND DRIVE officially began Friday night and members were out at various locations Friday night and all day Saturday accepting donations. With a set goal for this year of $12,500.00, collections have reached approximately $8,000.00 to date. If you have not made your contribution to this organization, please do so soon.

4-H Club Members To Lead Bike-A-Thon

Leading the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon on Sunday, October 16th at 2 p.m. will be members of the 4-H Clubs of Appomattox County. These boys and girls will be on hand for the 10-mile ride to fight cancer.

If you wish to join them and be a part of this Bike-A-Thon you may pick up an application and information sheet at either the Appomattox Middle School or Appomattox County High School at the principal's office or stop by the Traveler's Inn Motel.

Teens and adults are eligible and are welcome to participate!

By getting pledges, so much money per mile, from friends, neighbors and relatives, and then riding the Bike-A-Thon route you may be a part of the fight against cancer.

Remember it is the greatest desire of the American Cancer Society to lick cancer in YOUR lifetime. Naturally you want this, too.

Refreshments will be served, FREE, at each of the checkpoints.

So, get a group of friends together and try it. What better way to spend a beautiful Fall afternoon and accomplish something to Boot!

A map of the route for the 10-mile ride will be published in the next issue of this newspaper.

Post Offices To Observe Holiday

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will both be closed Monday, October 10th, in observance of Columbus Day.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

Alcohol Awareness Month Planned

Plans to recognize October as Teen Alcohol Awareness Month in Virginia have been described to the Virginia Advisory Council on Substance Abuse Problems.

The program is designed to discourage underage drinking.

It is the result of efforts on the part of five State agencies: the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Highway Safety Division, Department of Education, and Division of Motor Vehicles.

Teen drinking is posing problems in several areas, the council, holding its September meeting in Roanoke, was told. Among the problems are highway accidents, health and abuse potential, and legal implications.

Target audiences of the "alcohol awareness" month are teenagers, parents, and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

The Reverend Louis H. Fracher of Waynesboro, who serves as the council's liaison with the State Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board, said he would continue in his liaison role through next June despite his recent appointment as chairman of the State board.

The Roanoke meeting was the first held by the council away from Richmond.

Woodrow W. Wilkerson, Secretary of Human Resources and chairman of the council, stated that out-of-town meetings will be held at intervals.

These area meetings will give interested citizens in various parts of the state an opportunity to attend and also enable council members to hear from local substance abuse personnel, he said.

Co-Chairman For Virginians For Bonds Campaign In Area

William S. Kerr, Commonwealth Attorney for Appomattox County, has been appointed as co-chairman in this area for Governor Godwin's Virginians for Bonds Campaign.

On November 8, 1977, there will be five bond referendums placed before the Virginia voters for approval. They are as follows: 1. Educational Institutions, $86,475,000.00; 2. Correctional Facilities, $21,525,000.00; 3. Mental Health, Mental Retardation Facilities, $4,000.00; 4. State Parks and Recreational Facilities, $5,000,000.00; and Port Improvements, $8,000,000.00. A total of $125,000,000.00.

Kerr, as co-chairman for this area, has appointed the following persons to chairmanships in their respective counties and areas: Buckingham, F. M. Wright, Jr., Commonwealth's Attorney; Farmville, Hunter R. Watson, Insurance Agent; and William F. Watkins, Jr., Commonwealth's Attorney, Cumberland, Robert G. Woodson, Jr. Attorney; and James P. Baber, Commonwealth's Attorney; & for Appomattox, Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr. and Paul Higgins.

William S. Kerr

School Board To Meet October 12

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room on Wednesday, October 12, 1977 at 2 p.m.

Items on the agenda include consideraton of a request that a student who is not seventeen years of age be released from school attendance; consideration of a request from ACHS regarding senior trip; report on adult education program; report on enrollment in vocational education programs; report on basic learning skills and minimum requirements for graduation; approval of committees; enrollment report; and a financial report.

Fifth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Set For Saturday - Sunday

The Fifth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival will be held October 8th and 9th. Hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A kick-off parade will begin on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. This year the grand marshal will be the Honorable Andrew P. Miller. Accompanying Mr. Miller will be his wife, Doris, and daughter, Elise.

The Appomattox Junior Womans Club, represented by Mrs. Thomas Maxwell, will coordinate the parade. The Oakville Ruritan Club will be responsible for the line-up on Saturday morning. Featured in the parade will be bands, floats, antique cars, equestrain entries, marching units and other attractions. Miss Allison Ruth Wells, Virginia's Junior Miss, and Miss Gail Moore, Miss Appomattox, will ride in the parade. "Head Conductor" will be Mr. Ed Harvey, executive producer at WSET-TV, Lynchburg, Virginia. Nine trophies will be awarded, courtesy of local merchants.

The route for the parade will be the same as that of last year.

Mr. Harry Gordon Lawson, member of Woodmen of the World, has served as recreation chairman. Plans include the W.O.W. Choo-Choo Train offering free rides for the children courtesy of local businesses. "Woodsy the Owl" and "Smokey the Bear" will participate in the parade and circulate during the festival. A small ride and various games will also be available at a minimal charge.

A special train display has been secured by the Bicentennial Commission in Appomattox from the Roanoke Chapter of the National Historic Railroad Society. Members of the Society will lead tours through the three cars and answer questions about the train and railroad societies. Mr. R. B. Carter from the Bicentennial Commission has been the arrangements for the train.

The Amtrak "Hilltopper 34" will make a flagstop each day. There will be an Amtrak ticket agent on hand to make necessary arrangements for a train ride to Farmville, Virginia.

The Historical Society of Appomattox has made available a number of historical displays including bicentennial, railroadiana, and local artifacts. These will be exhibited in the V.P.I. & S.U. Extension Office and Dunkle's Insurance office on Main Street. Visitors to the Festival won't want to miss the Joe Sweeney banjo exhibit and local Indian artifacts exhibit on permanent display in the Appomattox County Library on Church Street. During the Festival the library will be staffed by volunteers and brochures will be available concerning the exhibits.

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Mr. J. Thomas Ford of the Appomattox Jaycees has scheduled music groups that will give complimentary performances at the Depot both days of the Festival. Groups include Smokey Hollow Grass, James River Five, Howard Hudson and the Country Rhythm featuring the Owen Brothers in bluegrass, Central Baptist Youth Choir, Fellowship Four and Jackie, Travelin' Company, and Little George and the Hilleity Cut-Ups.

The stage will be supplied by H. H. Moore Trucking Company. Virginia Fibre Corp. is providing a unique contest on Saturday of the Festival. The object is to guess the weight of a tractor-trailer load of pulpwood which will be on Main Street. First prize will be 100 silver dollars, second prize will be 50 silver dollars, and third prize will be 25 silver dollars. Guesses may be submitted from 1:00 'til 5:00 and the winners will be announced at 5:00.

An historic dress contest is scheduled for Sunday. Prizes will be given in the following five categories: adult male, adult female, child, couple, and family. Entrants should report to the Information and Registration desk between 1:30 and 2:30 to be judged. Winners will be announced at 3:00.

Parking facilities for people attending the Festival will be available in several locations. The largest area will be the two parking facilities at the Liberty Baptist Church. Visitors may park on side streets convenient to the downtown area such as Linden Street, Court Street, Church Street, Highland Avenue, and Oakleigh Avenue. Parking space for handicapped will be provided at the parking lot at Coleman and Sons, Inc.

Although the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club and the Town of Appomattox are co-sponsoring the Festival, many civic organizations and local businesses have participated in the planning and production of the Fifth Annual Railroad Festival. The hard work and enthusiasm of these groups provides a bigger and better Festival each year.

Local Banks To Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings and Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank, and The First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will all be closed on Monday, October 10th, in observance of Columbus Day.

All banks will be open Tuesday for business as usual.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the Weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the **Times-Virginian** for last week's contest.

Ronald M. Coleman and John H. Wilson, both of Appomattox, each predicted 21 games correctly out of the possible 23 games listed in the contest.

Going to the Tie Breaker for a winner, Ronald Coleman, with a 14 point score difference in the Appomattox - Altavista game is 1st place winner and John H. Wilson is second place winner.

Coleman will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 as first place winner and Wilson will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 as second place winner compliments of the **Times-Virginian.**

Be sure and enter the contest next week and get your entry into this newspaper - - you may be the winenr next week.

Mail Issuance Of Food Stamps Announced

The Appomattox County Department of Social Services has announced that effective November 1, 1977 there will be no further issuance of Food Stamps by the banks.

All food stamps will be **mailed** to clients. Stamps will be mailed on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday of each week prior to the 25th day of the month.

Stamps will be mailed on the next issuance day following receipt by the agency of ATP card and money order or cashier's check. **Cash or personal checks cannot be accepted.**

The ATP card and money order or cashier's check must be mailed to the office of Appomattox County Department of Social Services. Do not carry them to the office.

If you have questions, contact the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

Appomattox Shares In Alcohol Beverage Control Profits

Virginia's localities and the General Fund of the Commonwealth will share $27.7 million in Alcoholic Beverage Control profits for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

The localities received $18.3 million, and the remaining $9.4 million was deposited into the general fund.

Of this amount the Town of Appomattox' share was $5,515.53 and $31,678.86 went to Appomattox County.

In addition, the ABC Department generated $32.5 million from the 15 per cent alcoholic beverage tax on items sold at State stores. This money goes exclusively into the general fund.

ABC profits are distributed two-thirds to each city, county and town and one-third to the general fund after certain funds are allocated according to state law.

State law also mandates that in no event shall the localities receive less than their share of ABC profits for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1976. Although ABC profits were up this year by approximately $32,000, $2.6 million went to the State Board of Health and the State Hospital Board for the treatment of alcoholics, an increase of $537,400. This reduced the profits available for distribution to localities by $373,093. This amount was taken from the profits designated for the general fund and applied toward the localities' share. Using the 1970 census figures, the localities received $3.93 epr person, the same as in 1976.

The only areas that received a different amount from last year are those cities, counties and towns that have had a shift in population because of annexation. However, they still received $3.93 per person based on the adjusted population figures.

Carryover Tobacco Program Available To Growers Again This Year

Flue-cured growers throughout the flue-cured tobacco area can deliver their carryover tobacco on hand at the end of the marketing season to Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation for processing and storage until the 1978 marketing season.

The USDA Tobacco Loan Program was amended in 1973 to provide loans on flue-cured tobacco carried over by growers from one marketing year to another to avoid marketing in excess of the applicable farm quota. This will help alleviate many of the problems encountered with carryover tobacco stored on the farm such as insect damage and deterioration in quality.

The program will operate basically in the same manner as in previous years. Growers will deliver carryover tobacco to the CO-OP at designated Receiving Points in the area at which time the tobacco will be weighed and graded into a Standard USDA Grade by an Inspector of the Grading Service. Sheets will also be exchanged at this time. A record will be prepared showing full identification of the grower, weight of each sheet, the USDA grade, and total weight of delivery. A copy of this record will be given to the grower and a copy forwarded to the State ASCS Office. The tobacco will then be processed and stored in the same manner as regular tobacco, with the exception that all carryover tobacco will be kept separate and marked as "Carryover" tobacco. Since carryover tobacco is not eligible for sale or loan until the next

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF ACHS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS PLANNED

There will be an organizational meeting of the Appomattox County High School Community Volunteers on Monday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Interested persons-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends - are all urged to come and work in this much needed organization at the high school.

Plans are to help special students with their visual handicaps, hearing handicaps, the extremely slow learner, and to sponsor and work with cultural exhibits and shows for the students. Also persons interested and gifted in the dramatic arts may work with the drama club.

Please come out on Monday night and help get this volunteer program started right.

Westvaco forester, Gary Youngblood, pulls up a handful of weeds from pond to be examined during upcoming forestry tour.

Farm Tour Planned For October 13

Are weeds choking out your pond, too? On October 13, 1977 local landowners will be taking a good hard look at this and other problems with farm pond management. AND a fisheries expert will be on hand to answer their questions.

It's all part of the upcoming Brookneal Forestry Tour planned for that day and aimed at acquainting area landowners with the forest and wildlife management opportunities on their land.

Five demonstration stops are planned: three on the forest lands of private owners and two on industry lands. Pond construction and management will be the subject of one of these stops.

Landowners will also have an opportunity to view and discuss the latest management and harvesting practices. Foresters, wildlife resource people, and owners will be on hand at each stop to provide information and field questions on: growing trees for sale, encouraging wildlife, recreational development, and sources of financial and technical assistance.

The tour will focus on multiple-use opportunities for private, non-industrial lands, and how the owner can gain specific income and recreation uses from the land.

The tour will last from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and will go rain or shine on October 13, 1977. The bus will leave from the Brookneal Ball Park. The cost of the tour is $3.00 and includes a box lunch. Those interested in attending the tour should contact their local extension agent, county forester, or call 703-951-5212.

Hurry! Space is limited to a "first come, first served" basis.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Richard Lee Martin, a native of Appomattox County, has recently transferred from the Department of Social Services in the Alleghany-Covington area to the Appomattox County Department.

A graduate of Appomattox High School and Virginia Commonwealth University, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. of Oakville.

Mr. Martin's desire "to serve the people of his native county" terminated three years as a foster care and protective service caseworker with the Covington Department.

He will serve as Adult Service Caseworker in his new position.